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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 4, 2003

Operations Division/Technical Support Branch
Dredged Material Management Office

Dear Interested Party:

The Cooperative Sediment Management Program (CSMP) will hold its fifteenth annual review of sediment management issues on May 7, 2003. This Sediment Management Annual Review Meeting (SMARM) will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Galaxy Auditorium at Federal Center South, 4735 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington (see Enclosure 1 for map and directions). A draft agenda (Enclosure 2) outlines the topics that the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Washington Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources) and the Washington Department of Ecology's Sediment Management Standards (SMS) program are presenting for consideration at the meeting.

A number of papers outlining issues and management actions identified by the DMMP agencies and SMS program for discussion at the SMARM are posted on Seattle District's website (see **Annual Review Meeting** at URL <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=dmmo&pagename=home>). The papers that will be presented at the SMARM include a number of status reports regarding ongoing DMMP and joint DMMP/SMS actions and one DMMP issue paper. A number of additional clarification papers and status reports will not be presented at the SMARM, but time has been set aside to allow public comments on these papers. See Enclosure 3 for a complete list of the issue paper, clarification papers, and status reports posted on the Seattle District website.

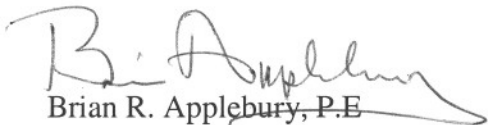
You are invited to submit additional issues for consideration and discussion at the meeting. If you submit an issue, it should include a clear statement of the issue, why it should be considered at this time, and the alternatives or options for its resolution. Please submit any issues to the Seattle District Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) by May 1, 2003 so that we may adjust the agenda accordingly.

A summary of the 2002 SMARM proceedings and agencies response to issues raised at the SMARM and in post-SMARM comment letters can be found on Seattle District's website for those persons interested.

Please extend this invitation to any person(s) you feel would be interested in attending. Thank you for your interest and involvement in the DMMP and SMS review processes. Federal

Center South is under heightened security, and everyone entering the building is subject to and should allow extra time for security screening. Everyone is advised to bring a photo identification card and refrain from bringing any items that may be perceived as a threat to security (e.g., pocketknives over 2.5 inches). If you have questions, please contact the Corps of Engineers' Dredged Material Management Office at (206) 764-3768 or the Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6914 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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Brian R. Applebury, P.E.
Chief, Operations Division
Seattle District Corps of Engineers

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Jim Pendowski
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Enclosures